

1 *only through the Department of Defense. This section may*
 2 *not be superseded by a subsequent Act unless that Act—*

3 *(1) specifically refers to this section; and*

4 *(2) specifically states that such provision of law*
 5 *supersedes the provisions of this section.*

6 **SEC. 712. TRAUMA AND MEDICAL CARE PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 *(a) REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PILOT PROGRAM.—*

8 *The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a pilot program*
 9 *under which the Brooke Army Medical Center and the*
 10 *Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio,*
 11 *Texas, may charge civilians who are not covered bene-*
 12 *ficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code,*
 13 *fees representing the actual costs of trauma and other med-*
 14 *ical care provided to such civilians using private sector*
 15 *itemized rates.*

16 *(b) USE OF FEES COLLECTED.—(1) The Brooke Army*
 17 *Medical Center and the Wilford Hall Air Force Medical*
 18 *Center may use the amounts collected under the pilot pro-*
 19 *gram for—*

20 *(A) trauma consortium activities;*

21 *(B) administrative, operating, and equipment*
 22 *costs; and*

23 *(C) readiness training.*

1 (2) *The operating budgets of those medical centers shall*
 2 *not be reduced as a result of fees collected under the pilot*
 3 *program.*

4 (c) *EFFICIENT PRACTICES.*—*Under the pilot program,*
 5 *the commander of the Brooke Army Medical Center or*
 6 *Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center may authorize the*
 7 *use of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense for*
 8 *medical care for trauma and other medical care provided*
 9 *at such center to civilians described in subsection (a).*

10 (d) *LENGTH OF PILOT PROGRAM.*—*The pilot program*
 11 *under this section shall commence on October 1, 2001, and*
 12 *be conducted for a period of three years.*

13 (e) *REPORTS.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall submit*
 14 *to Congress not later than October 1st of each of 2002*
 15 *through 2004 a report describing the progress and effective-*
 16 *ness of the pilot program carried out under this section.*

17 **SEC. 713. ENHANCEMENT OF MEDICAL PRODUCT DEVELOP-**
 18 **MENT.**

19 Section 980 of title 10, United States Code, is
 20 amended—

21 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Funds”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 23 section:

24 “(b) *The Secretary of Defense may waive the prohibi-*
 25 *tion in this section with respect to a specific research project*